

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/511,735

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07/12/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

This application has been examined. Claims 1-8 are pending. Claims 9-39 have been cancelled.

Priority

The effective date of the claims described in this application is February 24, 2000.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 07/12/2006 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 07/12/2006 have been fully considered and are persuasive.

The Examiner has considered the evidence filed 04/21/2006 in support of the declaration under CRF 1.131.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The provision for a method for using multiple network addresses for --
interprocess communication through a common physical layer, said method
comprising the steps of:

creating a first interprocess communication data structure associated with a
first network address on a first network device;

establishing a first communication between the first network device and a
second network device using the first interprocess communication data structure and
the first network address, wherein the first communication passes through the common
physical layer for the first network device;

creating a second interprocess communication data structure associated with
a second network address on the first network device, wherein the second network
address is different from the first network address; and

establishing a second communication between the first network device and
a third network device using the second interprocess communication data structure

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and the second network address, wherein the second communication passes through the common physical layer for the first network device --

wherein all the features previously described are combined in one singular embodiment, is not fairly taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

The Examiner finds particular novelty the establishing a second communication between the first network device and a third network device using the second interprocess communication data structure and the second network address, as described in the Applicant Specification (p. 28 line 14 - p. 28 line 7), such that a host computer, application, process, or other entity may support multiple network addresses and bind each address to a separate socket and/or a separate process. This allows a network device to communicate with other network devices using two or more network addresses.

Mattaway disclosed maintaining a compilation of entries, each entry comprising the network protocol address of a client process and providing the network protocol address associated with the entry to the requesting client process. However Mattaway did not disclose supporting multiple network addresses and binding each address to a separate socket and/or a separate process.

Bach disclosed the connection of a single application to multiple front end routers and networks, wherein multiple link connections can be made in both TCP and UDP sockets. However Bach did not disclose supporting multiple network addresses and binding each address to a separate socket and/or a separate process.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

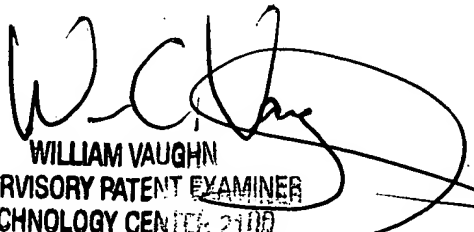
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Greg Bengzon whose telephone number is (571) 272-3944. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. thru Fri. 8 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Vaughn can be reached on (571)272-3922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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